

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
745 SECOND STREET, LA SALLE, IL.  
7:00 P.M., Tuesday, May 20, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jeff Grove at 7:02 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**Present-** Mayor Grove, Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

**Excused Absence-** None

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Duncan to open the public hearing regarding the proposed federally funded CDBG Project.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Nora Fesco of NCICG explained the purpose of the public hearing is to discuss the proposed \$574,000 project being submitted for the 2014 Illinois Community Development Assistance Program funding and the State's June 2, 2014 Public Infrastructure Application Funding round. The City intends to apply for \$430,500 of CDAP funds to be used for the installation of blowers, diffusers and dissolved oxygen control system at the west end wastewater treatment plant. This is a 75/25 grant which leaves \$143,500 as the local share portion. Superintendent Jeff Bumgarner explained that the current blowers are 30 years old and not very efficient. The replacements would be more energy efficient. Alderman Duncan asked about savings. City Engineer Brian Brown reported that the savings would be approximately \$20,000 per year. Ms. Fesco indicated Clark Dietz, Inc. has the design 99% done, which is important as project readiness is an important part of the grant. This is a competitive grant and Ms. Fesco encouraged the council to contact their legislators asking for their support. There were no public comments. Ms. Fesco stated that copies of the application documents will be available at the North Central Illinois Council of Government's office at 613 W. Marquette Street in Ottawa, Illinois. Office hours are from 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. Copies will also be available in the City Clerk's office once complete.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to close the public hearing and re-enter regular session.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion carried 8-0**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Bacidore that the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on Tuesday, May 6, 2014 are accepted and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**PETITIONS**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Bacidore to allow Kemp and Cathy Smith to address the council regarding Janie's House and related matters.

Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Kemp and Cathy Smith addressed the council as representatives of Janie's House. The Kemp's have purchased and subdivided property owned by IVAR at 116 Industrial Drive. It was recently brought to the Smith's attention that there were City procedures that needed to be followed prior to the subdivision of the property. The Smith's attorney handled the sale and therefore they believed the sale and subdivision went through with all procedures being followed. The Smith's indicated they want to make this right and asked the city for guidance as to the appropriate process at this point. Attorney McPhedran conferred with the City Engineer and Building Inspector prior to tonight's meeting and all agreed that the Smiths need to secure a Plat of Subdivision to be consistent with our ordinance. Once secured, the subdivision plat will be referred to the Planning Commission for consideration. The recommendation of the Planning Commission will then be presented to the Council for final approval. It may be possible for both the preliminary and final plats of subdivision to be considered at the same time. The Smiths were informed that once the plats of subdivision were complete, the Planning Commission hearing would then be scheduled allowing time for proper legal notification.

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to send the request from the Smiths regarding Lot 9 of Civic Industrial Park to the Planning Commission.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

The council discussed specifics regarding the request to lease City property at the Pink Chihuahua for outdoor seating.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to grant the request The Pink Chihuahua to lease City Property (18' width x 5'4" depth to the railing) subject to the approval of the Building Inspector. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion carried 8-0**

The council discussed a request to break curb for a delivery ramp at the Illinois Valley Food Pantry located at 136 Marquette Street. The aldermen suggested a few options in regard to unloading truck deliveries in lieu of removing curb. It was suggested a portable ramp be built and/or the alley to the south be utilized as an alternate delivery site.

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to deny the request from Donna Hess from the Illinois Valley Food Pantry to remove curb to create an entry ramp at 136 Marquette with the recommendation to find a temporary solution at Illinois Valley Food Pantry's cost with the option to re-petition the council if need be. Each and every alderman has a copy.

A voice vote was taken, but there was not unanimous consent. Mayor Grove requested a roll call.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: Alderman Demes, Bacidore Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion carried 6-2**

**REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS**

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Ptak to accept and place on file the Building Inspector's Report for April 2014 showing total fees collected of \$4,932.56. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file the Treasurer's Report for April 2014 showing cash balances in the La Salle State Bank of \$832,237.80 and in the Hometown National Bank of \$2,473,156.20. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Schneider to accept and place on file the Monthly Police Income Report for April 2014 totaling \$13,247.88. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file the Department of Transportation report showing Motor Fuel Tax Allotment for April 2014 of \$17,714.59. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file the Illinois Department of Revenue Report showing sales tax collected for February 2014 of \$77,547.63 and referendum approved sales tax of \$34,169.91 for a total of \$111,717.54. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to deny a request for a financial donation to Illinois Valley Adrenaline. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Herndon to accept the recommendation of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee to place a "no parking here to corner" sign on the east side of La Harpe Street from the first driveway south of the stop sign at the corner of 15<sup>th</sup> and La Harpe Streets.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion carried 8-0**

**APPOINTMENTS**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider to accept the Mayor's appointments as read.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion carried 8-0**

**Appointments to Library Board:**

Joanne Benassi to 2015  
Mary Claire Klinefelter to 2015  
Carol Pierson to 2016  
Cindy Arbisi to 2016  
Gerald Waszkowiak to 2017  
John Steele to 2017  
Patrick Dooley to 2017  
Barbara Mertes to 2017

**Appointments to Park Board:**

Deb Pohar to May 2019  
Ambrosia Engels to June 2019  
Tom Pigati to June 2018  
Chris Lushina to June 2017

**Appointments to Planning Commission:**

Deb Hackman to June 2016  
Jorge Sanchez to June 2017  
Jack Sadowski to June 2016  
Sharon Ciesielski to June 2016

**Appointments to the Zoning Board of Appeals:**

Sharon Ciesielski to June 2018  
Mike Schmotzer to May 2018  
Alissa Gearhart to June 2018

**Appointment:**

Don Baldin-Director of Parks and Recreation to May 2017.

Alderman Demes expressed his appreciation to all who serve on various boards within the City. He reminded all board members of the importance of attending scheduled meetings as having a quorum is vital. The City should be notified immediately if a board member is unable to attend a meeting or if they are unable to serve on a board.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Alderman Demes asked for an update on the condition of Bucklin from Third Street to First Street. City Engineer Brian Brown reported that half of the 15' x 12' concrete squares are cracked, equating to 30-40 percent needing serious repair. To properly repair, Mr. Brown estimated a cost of \$70,000. Various ideas were discussed. Discussion included looking into securing a set of scales from the State in order to weigh the trucks utilizing this route. Mr. Brown stated that the concrete road is built to handle 80,000 pounds, but there is concern some truck loads may be exceeding that amount. Police Chief Uranich will investigate obtaining scales from the State and will report back at the next meeting. Mr. Brown stated the City will do some in-house patching now and investigate a more permanent solution in the spring of 2015.

Alderman Duncan asked if it would be possible to get a financial report from the Rotary Park Committee which includes the source and amount of funds available for Phase 2. Mayor Grove will contact them and provide that information to the aldermen.

Alderman Ptak inquired as to why some of the decorative sidewalks completed last fall are chipping. Jeff Bumgarner indicated they are on the list to be re-sealed this year. City Engineer Brian Brown explained that salt used during the winter months can chip the stamped concrete if not properly sealed. He explained that the decorative sidewalks need to be sealed each year in the fall.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Schneider to approve and place on file **Ordinance No. 2486** an ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Redevelopment Agreement between the City of La Salle and American Nickeloid Employees Credit Union and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion carried 8-0**

**Ordinance No. 2486: an ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Redevelopment Agreement between the City of La Salle and American Nickeloid Employees Credit Union and related matters.**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon to approve **Ordinance 2487** an ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Redevelopment Agreement between the City of La Salle and Unytite, Inc. La Salle Plant and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion carried 8-0**

**Ordinance No. 2487: an ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Redevelopment Agreement between the City of La Salle and Unytite, Inc. La Salle Plant and related matters.**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Duncan to approve, pay and place on file a total of \$3,080.00 to Illinois Valley Surveying & Consultants, Inc. for the La Fayette Street design topographic survey and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion carried 8-0**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Don Baldin announced that the pool is set to open Memorial Day weekend. The following week from Tuesday, May 27 through Friday, May 30 hours will be 3 p.m-7 p.m., with regular hours resuming on Saturday, May 31.

Mayor Grove announced that Celebrate La Salle is scheduled for June 4-7 with a 5K Run scheduled for Friday, June 6 beginning at Hegeler Park. Also, a men's and women's softball tournament has been added to this year's events. In addition, the annual Fishing Rodeo will take place at the I&M Canal on Saturday, June 7.

Alderman Lavieri added that the La Salle Public Library will have a NASA space exhibit from June 3-7 on the library premises during daytime hours.

Alderman Reynolds asked anyone interested in volunteering for Celebrate La Salle to call City Hall to sign up.

### **ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Herndon to accept **Ordinance 2488** an ordinance authorizing agreement with Peru Federal Savings Bank regarding Country Aire Subdivision including potential amendment to Pre-Development agreement and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None Absent: None PASS: Alderman Lavieri

**Motion carried 7-0**

**Ordinance No. 2488: an ordinance authorizing an agreement with Peru Federal Savings Bank regarding Country Aire Subdivision including potential amendment to Pre-Development agreement.**

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept **Ordinance 2489** an ordinance authorizing a handicapped parking sign at 1107 Sixth Street. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion carried 8-0**

**Ordinance No. 2489: an ordinance further regulating parking within the City of La Salle. (handicapped parking space 1107 Sixth Street)**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept the amended **Ordinance 2490** an ordinance regarding lease of municipal property with The Pink Chihuahua and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion carried 8-0**

**Ordinance No. 2490: an ordinance regarding lease of municipal property. (The Pink Chihuahua)**

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Duncan to approve and place on file **Resolution 201411** to enter into an agreement for application services for a Community

Development Assistance Program (CDAP) grant on behalf of the City of La Salle. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion carried 8-0**

**Resolution No. 201411: a resolution to enter into an agreement for application services for a CDAP grant.**

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to approve and place on file **Resolution 201412** a resolution of support and commitment of funds regarding application to the State of Illinois for a CDAP grant. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion carried 8-0**

**Resolution No. 201412: a resolution of support and commitment of funds regarding application to the State of Illinois for a CDAP grant.**

#### **COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the public.

Don Baldin thanked the Mayor and council for his appointment as Director of Parks and Recreation.

Intern Kara Garten stated that the Farmer's Market will begin on June 3, 2014 at the northwest corner of Hegeler Park. The market will be each Tuesday from 3-6 p.m.

Economic Development Director Don Aleksy informed the aldermen that a CDAP grant for the La Fayette Street water main repairs has been filed.

**8:07 p.m.** Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to enter into Executive Session regarding pending and/or potential imminent litigation and related matters: Collective bargaining with FOP and related matters, and acquisition and/or sale of city real estate and related matters and the employment, appointment, performance and/or compensation of non-union personnel and related matters pursuant to the Open Meetings Act including 5-ILCS 120 Section 2(c)1-3,5,6,and 11 thereof.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion carried 8-0**

**8:25 p.m.** Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to exit Executive Session and return to regular session.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion carried 8-0**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that bills submitted totaling: \$447,020.74 (Total Payroll \$186,869.97 Bills to be Paid \$113,786.38, Total Bills Paid \$146,364.39) be accepted, paid and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion carried 8-0**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to adjourn the meeting.  
Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

**ADJOURNED 8:26 p.m.**

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Carrie Brown, City Clerk